

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Good mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being; and,

Whereas, Mental health is how we think, feel, and act as we face life's situations; and,

Whereas, Like adults, children and adolescents can have mental health problems that interfere with the way they think, feel, and act; and,

Whereas, These problems are real and painful and they can lead to failure at school, family conflicts, drug abuse, violence, or suicide; and,

Whereas, Mental health problems often limit an individual's current and future ability to be productive; and,

Whereas, Increased public awareness of mental health issues may lead to earlier recognition and treatment of possible mental health problems, leading to lower health care and correctional costs, increased productivity, improve the ability of children and adolescents to learn, and contribute to healthier families and communities:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2008 as

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to observe the month by participating in appropriate programs and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State